



This Week in Indiana History:

August 11th, 1984:

The Hoosier Dome opens

In 1984, the Hoosier Dome opened its doors to the Indianapolis Colts and their fans. On August 11th, they defeated the New York Giants in their first game in the new stadium, to the great joy of their home city. Completed at a cost of nearly eighty million dollars, the stadium would host countless football games, music concerts, and other events for the next twenty three years. It was demolished in 2007, and replaced by Lucas Oil Stadium the following year.



Full house of 60,098 wild fans spurred Colts to a 26-20 victory over Giants in Hoosier Dome's 1st NFL game

Mayor calls it 'a dream come true'

First Colts game a success on and off field

By REBECCA OVERTON
 OK. Admit it. You were one of the skeptics. A pro football team in Indianapolis? Crazy.
 But there it was Saturday night, a National Football League team with all its regalia. Indianapolis had pulled it off. When the Indianapolis Colts played their first game in the Hoosier Dome, the crowd of 60,098 seemed to vibrate.
 As the Colts lined up against the New York Giants, the downtown streets were filled with excitement. The din and excitement grew as the Colts and the Giants went at it

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neck-and-neck before the Colts scored a 26-20 win in the exhibition game.
 EARLIER THE 32 Colts cheerleaders opened the evening by performing in blue and white uniforms. They pranced off the artificial turf as the Giants were introduced; the crowd applauded politely for their home team's opponents. When

the Colts ran out on the field, the noise greeting them was deafening and the fans sprang to their feet. "We'll beat the hell out of them," Colts Assistant General Manager Bob Terpeneh predicted before the game began.
 There was Miss Indiana 1984 Cindy Yantis singing the national anthem. Mayor William Hudnut lobbed a football to Colts running back Curtis Dickey.
 COLTS OWNER Robert Irsay had asked "a dream come true," he said Saturday outside the municipal suite. Inside that suite officials from

the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns executive committee ate and watched the game through the glass enclosure. People in other suites around the club level viewed the game from TV-equipped rooms that had modern prints on the walls.
 They watched as the Colts matched the Giants score for score during the evening. The crowd stood up in waves. Both teams' blue and white uniforms dazzled against the Astroturf's green.
 smoothly, according to Indianapolis Police Department Patrolman S.J. Clements. Robert J. Robinson, deputy chief of IPD's traffic division,

predicted few arrests.
 THE ONLY change in traffic control from previous Dome events was the stopping of vehicles at Capitol Avenue and Washington Street and their diversion east and west so pedestrians leaving the Dome wouldn't block traffic, Robinson said.
 A Metro spokeswoman, Beverly G. Gray, said that 4,553 passengers were carried on the Park-n-Ride buses and another 850 on the State's shuttle buses.
 Officials had hoped additional Park-n-Ride buses would eliminate
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- Indianapolis Colts: The Complete Illustrated History / ISLI 796.33 F8531
- Let'er Rip: The Colts in Indianapolis, A Look Back and Look Ahead / ISLI